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To: MOSCOW

No.: 158

23 December 1943

To PETROV[ii].

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- [ii] LUKA: Pavel Panteleevich KLARIN: 2nd Secretary, Soviet Embassy, MEXICO CITY, from 23 November 1943 to 24 May 1944; served previously and subsequently in the USA.
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